PROCEEDINGS OF
THE TRAVANCORE-COCHIN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION—1950

Monday, *the 16th October 1950*

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The Assembly met for its Second Session at 11-30 a.m. on Monday, the 16th October 1950, in the Legislative Chamber.

Address by His Highness the Rajpramukh

His Highness the Rajpramukh having arrived in the Chamber in procession with the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, the Seceretary to the Assembly and His Highness's personal staff, occupied the Speaker's Chair on the Dais. The Speaker was seated to the left of His Highness.

His Highness the Rajpramukh: Hon'ble Members of the Legislature,

With sincere pleasure I welcome you all to the Second Session of the Assembly after the inauguration of the Republic of India.

2. It is just over three years since India gained her independence and yet in this short period, she has made rapid progress socially, economically and politically and has achievements to her credit which will go down to history. Today, she is a strong well-knit political entity and a welcome partner among the Nations of the World. But we are by no means out of the woods. The shortage of foodstuffs and other necessaries of life, limited availability of foreign exchange, scarcity of machinery and raw materials and the subversive activities of militant elements still retard the development of our national and economic life. The tasks ahead are difficult and call for resolute action and great endurance on our part. Happily, the country's destinies are in the hands of men of the highest ability of whom any nation should be proud. We may confidently hope that, under their wise counsel and guidance, India will not only develop internally on all fronts, but will play an important role in the establishment of lasting peace in the world still tortured by the prospect of ideological and atomic wars.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

3. Since the last meeting of the House, an important legislative measure, the Travancore Temple Entry (Extension of Application) Ordinance, IX of 1950, was promulgated by me to remove the disabilities imposed by law, custom or usage on certain classes of Hindus. My Government have a rather heavy Legislative programme for the present Session and the Bills, which they have decided to introduce for your consideration, among others, are:

Revenue Recovery Bill; Revenue Enquiries and Summons Bill; Treasure Trove Bill; Public Accountants Bill; Easements Bill; Government Land Assignment Bill; Land Conservancy Bill; Police Bill; Places of Public Resort Bill; Local Authorities Entertainment Tax Bill; Local Authorities Loans Bill; Hindu Religious Institutions (Amendment) Bill; Temple Entry (Removal of Disabilities) Bill; Forest Bill; Fisheries Bill; Suppression of Immoral Traffic Bill; Hackney Carriage Bill; Co-operative Societies Bill; and Land Improvement Bill.

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